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SUBJ: VISIT OF WILLY BRANDT TO ZAMBIA

1. LEADER OF THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILLY BRANDT VISITED ZAMBIA FROM DECEMBER 28 THROUGH JANUARY 6 ON THE INVITATION OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA. AFTER ARRIVING FROM DAR ES SALAAM ON A ZAMBIAN AIR FORCE JET TO CHANTS OF "ONE ZAMBIA, ONE GERMANY," BRANDT RESTED FOR A FEW DAYS AS KAUNDA'S PERSONAL GUEST, VISITED SEVERAL AREAS OF ZAMBIA, AND HELD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS REPRESENTED IN ZAMBIA.

2. ACCORDING TO A FRG EMBASSY OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED BRANDT ON MOST OF HIS OFFICIAL CALLS, ALL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN A VERY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND THE ENTIRE VISIT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL. IN PUBLIC AS WELL AS PRIVATE COMMENTS
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BRANDT URGED CLOSER COOPERATION IN ALL SPHERES BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND ZAMBIA, AND SAID THAT IN THE ECONOMIC REALM THERE WAS A MUTUALITY OF INTEREST IN STRENGTHENED TIES WHICH SHOULD BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF ZAMBIA.

3. EMPHASIZING THE "MUTUALITY OF INTEREST" THEME IN HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS, BRANDT WARNED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT

THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COME TO A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES. IN A SPEECH TO THE LUSAKA PRESS CLUB THE FORMER WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SAID THE MAJOR CHALLENGE FACING MANKIND FOR THIS CENTURY WOULD BE FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE GRAVE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR NATIONS AND THAT A SPEEDY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO FIND A NEW SYSTEM OF ORDERLY ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DISARMAMENT TALKS BETWEEN THE "SUPER POWERS" WOULD BEAR FRUIT SOON AND THAT THE RESULTANT SAVINGS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS.

4. IN REFERRING TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BRANDT SAID THAT SOLUTIONS MUST BE FOUND QUICKLY AND THAT ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA SHOULD GET THEIR FREEDOM THIS YEAR. ON SOUTH AFRICA, HE SAID THAT THE SPD WOULD INITIATE A CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR TO ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA AND PREDICTED THAT ECONOMIC STEPS MAY WELL BE A FOLLOW UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS RECENTLY ENACTED ARMS EMBARGO. IN HIS DEPARTURE SPEECH, BRANDT SAID, "WE BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECISIVE PRESSURE TO CHANGE SOUTH AFRICA WILL COME FROM WITHIN, INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE COULD SPEED UP EVENTS."

5. COMMENT: BRANDT'S VISIT RECEIVED WIDE AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE IN THE ZAMBIAN MEDIA, AND BY ALL ACCOUNTS WAS VERY USEFUL IN FIRING RELATIONS BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZAMBIA. SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BRANDT SAID THINGS THAT ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS LIKE TO HEAR REGARDING NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS FOR THE MOST PART WERE OF A VERY GENERAL NATURE AND SUBSTANCE WAS AT A MINIMUM, THE VISIT GAVE A BOOST TO WEST GERMANY'S IMAGE IN ZAMBIA, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE SPD. CLINGERMAN

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